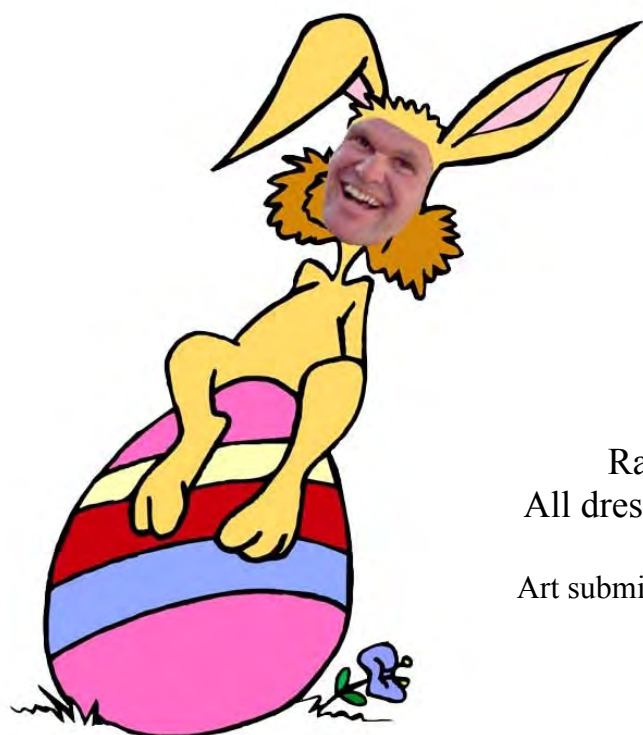


The Dead Horse DISPATCH

2013 51st Issue

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park



Ranger Randy
All dressed up for Easter!

Art submitted by Nan Hephner



Better Mountain Biking sessions start at Noon on Saturdays and go until 4:00, "or when everyone gets tired", according to **Ranger Randy Victory**. "These will be trail rides on the dirt, with some instruction on the pavement." Victory, a certified cycling instructor (a mountain biker since 1977), will offer everything from basic riding techniques, to physics, to trail etiquette. The rides are fun and educational for beginners, but even experienced bikers ride away with new skills & knowledge. "There's always a certain amount of interaction between riders," explains Victory. "Group rides where the beginners are supportive of each other, and more experienced riders can offer their insight are an excellent way to build skills, and have a great time doing it. The focus is on fun!" Riders will be **REQUIRED** to wear a helmet and complete an **Acknowledgment of Risk Form** (parents must sign for riders under 18 years old, minimum age 14-16), bring water and make sure their bike is in good working order. Flat protection (Slime tire sealant, for example) and riding gloves are strongly recommended. The rides will start at the Raptor Trailhead at the top of Roadrunner Road in the park. For more information, call Ranger Victory at 928-301-1190 or email rvictory@azstateparks.gov. The Day use fee of \$7.00 applies, or Annual Passes are accepted. In addition there will be a program fee of \$5.00 per rider collected at the time of the session.

All information on this page (except the bunny) is from AZ State Park Newsletter
AZStateParks.com



April 25-28 Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival

The **Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival** provides a unique recreational experience to anyone interested in the natural world and fosters awareness of the importance of habitat for the enrichment of all life in the Verde Valley. The festival takes place in the Verde River Valley of Central Arizona. The diverse terrain provides a wide variety of habitats for wildlife and nature adventures. Join us and bird the Verde! Learn more and register for specific events at:

<http://birdyverde.org> 

Lime Kiln Trail Wins Award!

The votes are in! The Lime Kiln Trail connecting Dead Horse Ranch State Park and Red Rock State Park **won the 2012 Critic's Choice Award for Best Bike Ride!** For the sixth year, AZCentral.com experts have picked their favorite people, places, businesses, and things to do!

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March 24, 31 April 7, 14, 21 Sunday Nature Walk

Nature Walks last for 1-2 hours. The guided hikes will meander along riparian areas or stroll through the high desert trails

within the park. Hikers need to bring plenty of water, sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing; sturdy shoes, and a hat. Says hike leader **Ranger Margie Sanchez**, "You might want to bring binoculars and a camera, too. These hikes are a great opportunity for wildlife sightings and photo ops." Hikes start at various places throughout the park - inquire at the gate for starting points. For more information, call Dead Horse Ranch State Park at 928-634-5283. You can also email Ranger Sanchez at msanchez(at)azstateparks.gov with questions. The Day use fee of \$7.00 applies, or Annual Passes are accepted.

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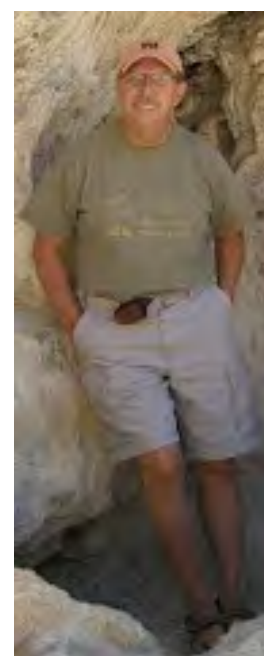


March 23 & 24: Family Campout Program

The new 2013 **Arizona Family Campout Program** (March and April 2013) is designed for families that have little or no experience camping. The program will introduce you to the great experiences you can share with your family and inspire you to continue to explore the great outdoors! Please share this information with others. These weekend introductory adventures will take place at the five Arizona State Parks throughout Spring 2013. Parks include Catalina SP (Tucson), Kartchner Caverns SP (Benson), Lost Dutchman SP (Apache Junction), Dead Horse Ranch SP (Cottonwood), and Patagonia Lake SP (Patagonia). Visit our information and registration page at <http://azstateparks.com/family> for program details including: activities, specific dates at parks, along with a sample schedule, menu, and a list of program sponsors. Each weekend program is limited to 10 families. Registration is first come, first served.

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Olivia
born in January
Carol & Dave
Nank



My first report after getting back on the road. what a joy.....

"Exploring the back roads one mile at a time"

BLOG: <http://rovingreportsby-doug.blogspot.com>

PICTURES: <http://picasaweb.google.com/douglas.palosaari>

Douglas Palosaari

(Above) We took this yesterday morning on Forest Road 618--that's the one that goes past the Beaver Creek Work Station and V-BAR-V. Looking downstream on Walker Creek near the base of The Mogollon Rim, Coconino Nat'l Forest, Arizona.

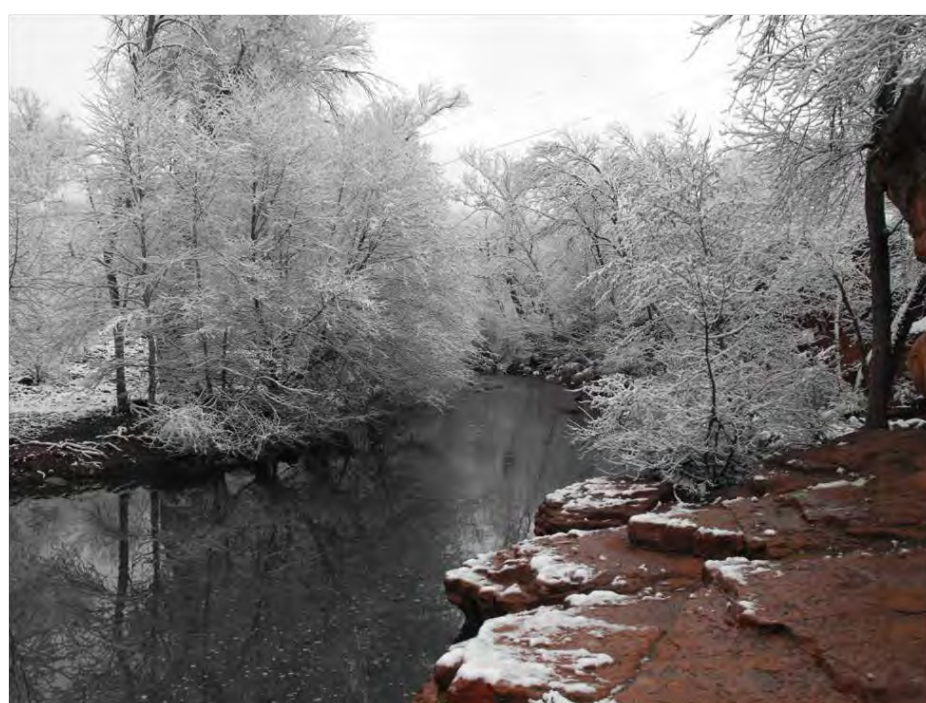
(Right Below) Looking upstream on Wet Beaver Creek near Forest Road #618 in the Coconino Nat'l Forest, Arizona

(February 11, 2013) Have a great day and keep the photos coming!

(Below) The red "X" is the Point of View (POV) of the snow photo (Right). I was standing there looking upstream.

Two winter pictures were submitted by John Parsons.

Summer picture was submitted to John Parsons by Carolyn Meehan and returned back again...





Hiking at Dead Horse

Started by Ranger Margie Sanchez

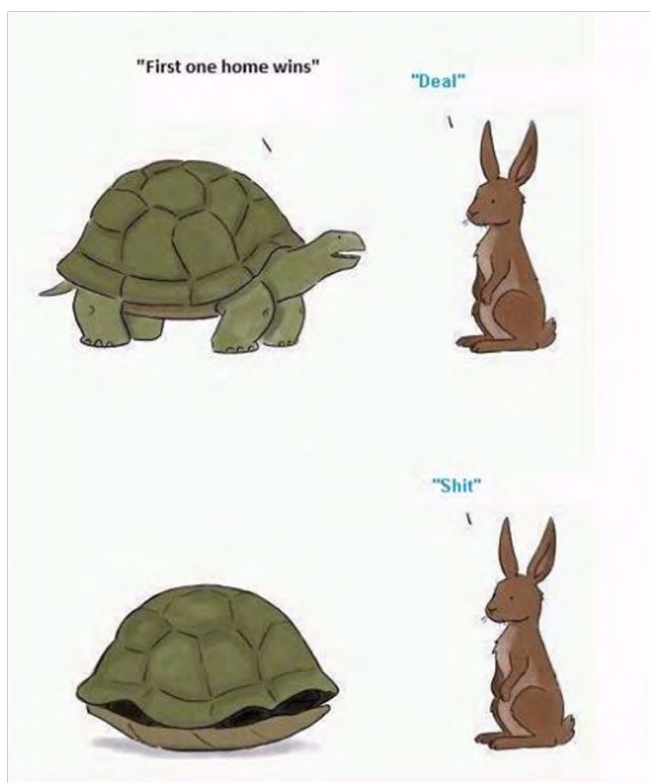
The hearty six that did the Lime Kiln trail, Red Rock State Park to Dead Horse State Park. 15 miles. We would hike a different trail every Wed. The Six = Janet & Bill Birtwell, Jake Pratt, Carol Johnson, Melody Deisher, myself (Carl Hartman). Plus Linda Vernier, joined the group mid season. Ranger Margie also has hikes on Sunday.

I'll be leaving Quail # 42 this month , in a week or two. Back to Northern Wisconsin. Been here since first of November, 2012

Carl Hartman



Rv'ers will win every time... Les Bovee



Carolyn

I heard that Justin has talked you into making the newsletter quarterly - that is great. You do a great job. Here is another story if you can use it. Jette

On New Years day volunteer Carol Johnson and ranger Toni lead the first annual hike for the season. It was colder than about 23 degrees, with a cold wind blowing, so everybody was bundled up in long underwear, hats, and gloves. A lot of volunteers showed up, since they were starved for excitement, but some campers came too. We met at cowboy rest rooms area, and headed along the lagoons. The fishermen were out trying to catch the elusive trout, and the Ringneck ducks graced the lake like christmas ornaments. A great Blue Heron had landed in a tree top looking pretty cool. As we walked down in the Greenway passing a HUGE Cottonwood tree, Toni explained that they only live 80 years. They apparently die from the inside, so they do not make good ornamental trees in your yard, since your car could easiely be smashed when a huge tree limb hit it! When we were down by the river, Toni talked about the floods, which could be pretty amazing. One year the water almost reached the bathrooms in lower day use! It could rain upstream, and be fine along the river, but with the rush of water coming downstream, you may be suddenly be surfing down the river among trees and rattle-snakes, YUGH! I guess I will be careful about skinny dipping after that information. It was a nice walk, the first of many to come. Happy New Year. Jette Monahan

Bill Zeller (friends with **Eric Buzonas**) commented on **Les Bovee's photo of you**. Bill wrote: "This has got to be a scam Les, did you really send this ?



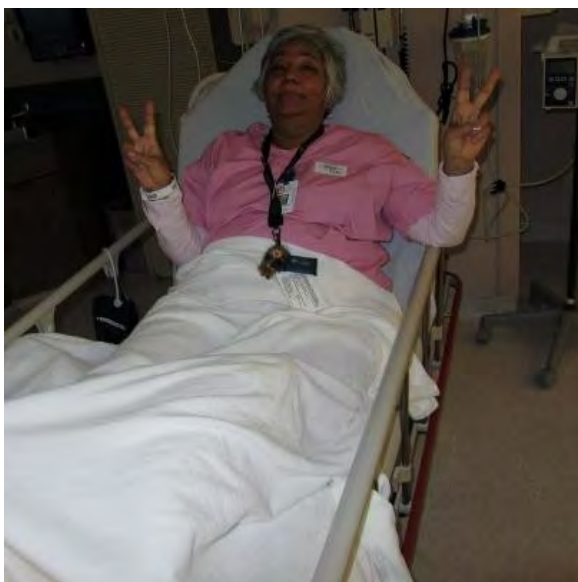
We had such a wonderful surprise a few weeks ago. We found out we were getting new neighbors and guess who they are???? Dan and Margo Albright! Thanks so much for keeping us in the loop. We've kept all your newsletters. Bob and Elsie Ross



*Picture submitted by Carolyn Meehan
Portage Glacier, AK
"Picture a day of beauty"*

(Above) Beautiful Carolyn, I have paddled by this and other glaciers in SE Alaska on a 6 week sea kayak trip. Truly an incredibly beautiful piece of our world!
Bill Zeller

Now I'm the Nurse



Now I'm the Nurse

Updated on Thursday · Taken in [Dillingham, Alaska](#)

On the way to the hospital this morning Elizabeth's ice cleats became packed with snow causing her to slip and fall, landing on her ankle and breaking her fibula at the joint. An "acute complete transvers nondisplaced fracture of the distal right fibula". Fortunately another nurse that was walking to work saw her and got her transported (Johnny Green). She was "down" in the snow for about 15 minutes (a long 15 minutes for her). We're lucky it wasn't too cold (25) and wasn't a high wind day. The other good news is that the ankle doesn't need to be pinned, but it'll be a long recovery. Les Bovee Facebook page

Carolyn: it has been such a **pleasure working** to post your wonderful newsletters these past few years; like Nicole mentioned in the newsletter, we truly appreciate the time and care you've always brought to these publications. DHR is the only park that has had anything of this caliber on a consistent basis for volunteers and the public; not only does it allow the volunteers to communicate with each other, it allows the public to see how great (and busy) the volunteers and staff at DHR always are. It's really been great getting to work with you and best of luck in your new adventures!

Thanks again!

Tye R Farrell

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Volunteer Venture 2013: Training & Recognition Conference for Arizona State Parks Volunteers & Site Stewards

by Nicole Armstrong-Best CVA, Volunteer Resources Planner

Volunteerism at Arizona State Parks has been the glue that has held our agency together through the rough economic times that we are finally heading out off. Your individual contributions have shaped our ability to keep the parks open and running. **Together volunteers donated over 200,000 hours** of service over the last year. That is the equivalent of **96 full time employees!** We will never be able to thank you enough for this unprecedented support.



We would like to invite you to join us for a celebration of your volunteerism at [Lost Dutchman State Park](#) and [Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park](#) in April. Registration is open. Conference schedule is listed below. Free dry camping is available, but please register through the link provided (not through the State Parks online reservation system). I look forward to seeing you

[Please Register Online, Click Here](#)

When: Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6, 2013

Where: Friday: Lost Dutchman SP, Apache Junction
Saturday: Boyce Thompson Arboretum SP, Superior, and Apache Gold Conference Center, Globe

Schedule

Friday, April 5th Agenda

Friday sessions are directed towards the interests of Arizona State Parks Volunteers, but Site Stewards are welcome to attend if interested

8:00 am - Coffee & Check-in

- 8:30 am - Guided Hikes (Geology of the Superstitions, easy, or Experience Lost Dutchman SP, strenuous) **OR** Foods of the Superstitions, *Jean Groen*
- 10:30 am - The State of State Parks, *Bryan Martyn, Arizona State Parks Director*
- 11:30 am - Lunch, Arizona State Parks Volunteer Recognition Awards and The McNasty Brothers Presentation at the Mining Camp Restaurant (walking distance from the park).
- 1:30 pm - Archery at the Parks – ever tried to shoot? Now is your chance! **OR** Liberty Wildlife Bird Display & Presentation **OR** Mesa Community College Outreach, Reptile Display & Presentation
- 5:30 pm - Evening Program for our Campers with *Jim Potocki*

Saturday, April 6th Agenda

Saturday sessions are directed towards the interests of Site Stewards, but Arizona State Parks Volunteers are welcome to attend if interested. Morning Sessions will be held at Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park in Superior, Arizona.

8:45 am - Coffee & Check-in

- 9:00 am - "The Prehistory of the Eagletail Mountains" by *Doug Newton* **OR** "Edible/medicinal Plants used prehistorically & historically by the Southwestern Native Americans" by *David Morris* (walking tour of Curandero Trail)
- 10:30 am - Tour of Picket Post House, original residence of Col. William Boyce Thompson
- Noon - Lunch on your own & travel to Apache Gold Conference Center
- 2:30 pm - Research Project of the Year award winners 2012 – Rock Art Recording Project, *Janine Hernbrode and the Rock Band*
- 3:45 pm - Issues in Tribal Preservation, *Vernelda Grant*, San Carlos Apache Tribal Preservation Officer and *David Jacobs*, SHPO.
- 5:30 pm - Happy Hour and Silent Auction (No Host bar)
- 6:00 pm - Dinner and Arizona Site Steward Recognition Awards

Sunday, April 7th Agenda

Besh-Ba-Gowa Tour, Globe Arizona (time TBD)

(Information from the *Volunteer Voice: AZ State Parks*)



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

1-Bob Ross
4-Justin Swiger
8-Roger McCartney
12-Gary & Sharon Munson (2001)
14-Nan & Norm Hephner (1983)
19-Ken & Gigi House
20-Frank & Rose Larramore (1974)
20-Tom Reese
23-Linda Hauk
24-George Gilbert
25-Barb & Dave Penny (1964)
25-Roy Farmer
26-Carol Barringer
26-Fred Wishnie
28-Bernie Munson
30-Kathy Appling

FEBRUARY

2-Robert Nelson
3-Judi Mangels
4-Jim Monahan
6-Peter & Nancy Hardy (1976)
9-Larry & Fran Nile (1980)
9-Billie Castle
10-George & Ruby Stolze
11-Betty Hall
12-Bill Fritz
12-Bill & Maxine Bean (1983)
15-Carolyn Abbott
18-Norm Hephner
18-Bruce & Susan Williamson (1967)
19-William Turner
21-Keven Ward
23-Dan & Margo Albright (1974)
24-Sandra Kendall
26-Wayne & Helen Kemp (1962)
26-Harold & Ann Flavell (1955)

MARCH

1-Jim Harris
2-John Hart
3-Anne Zeller
4-Margo Albright
4-Chuck Mullins
7-William Birtwell
11-Eric Buzonas
12-Emmo & Shirley Oltmanns (1955)
13-Joyce Jones
18-Keven Ward & Patrick Rhoads
18-Wes Scott
19-Lynn Holland
21-Ken House
22-Burt Appling
22-Eric & Rebecca Buzonas
23-Les & Elizabeth Bovee
26-Tom Howe
28-Peter Andress